

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant is grateful for the interview conducted with the Examiner wherein the Examiner suggested the consideration of amending claim 1 to emphasize the sequence of steps including the advantages of each step if any exist. Thus, claim 20 has been amended to include the Examiner's suggestion in order to overcome the rejection in view of LARDELLIER (US 4940196).

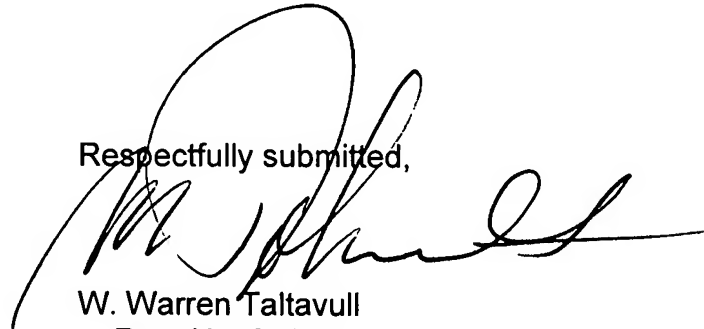
The present invention is directed to a method of removing a nacelle assembly from a gas turbine engine. The method of detaching the nacelle assembly begins with releasing a first attachment means 48 and translating the nacelle assembly 40 forward relative to the engine. The nacelle assembly is then disengaged from the casing assembly via the second attachment means 52 as expressly claimed in currently amended claim 20 (Page 7 line 35 to Page 8 line 11). It should be noted that only when the first step of translating the nacelle assembly forward can the second step of releasing the second attachment means be achieved. Similarly, the nacelle assembly can be attached by reversing the aforesaid method.

LARDELLIER discloses a method for demounting an entire turbo jet engine wherein the outer cowling of the nacelle is configured to allow an engine to be mounted or demounted without removing the nacelle. The nacelle includes a gas generator, two turbines, an engine casing surrounding the gas generator and turbines, an inner cowling surrounding the engine casing, an outer cowling and a mast for suspending a turbo jet engine. The outer cowling 12 is divided

into three sectors 12a, 12b and 12c and includes retaining structures 39 (See Fig. 1) which permit the absorption of energy should one of the propeller blades break free (Column 4 lines 35-44). LARDELLIER fails to suggest or teach disengaging the nacelle assembly from the casing assembly via an attachment means as expressly claimed in currently amended claim 20. Therefore, it is believed that the present invention is novel and inventive over LARDELLIER.

Entry of this amendment is solicited, is believed appropriate, and is believed to distinguish the invention from the cited reference. For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance are believed in order and are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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